REMARKS SECTION

This application has been carefully reviewed in view of the Office Action dated October 26, 2005. In that Office Action, claims 16-27 were allowed and claims 6-10 and 12-15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were otherwise indicated as being allowable.

In response, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of cancelled claim 6. Such a claim was indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 7-15 are in condition for allowance.

It will be noted that several minor amendments have been made to the dependent claims, none of which affect the scope of those claims. For example, in claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14, the word "adjustable" has been stricken so that each dependent claim uniformly recites "the cam shaft". Further, the dependencies of claims 7 and 10 have been changed from cancelled claim 6 to amended independent claim 1.

Similar changes are found in dependent claims 17, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

Newly submitted independent claim 28 is original claim 12 rewritten in independent form to include the recitations of original claims 1 and 11. Such a claim was indicated as being allowable.

Newly submitted independent claim 29 is original claim 13 rewritten in independent form, including the recitations of original claims 1 and 11. Such a claim was also indicated as being allowable. Its dependent claims 30 and 31 correspond to original claims 14 and 15.

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Respectfully submitted,

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